

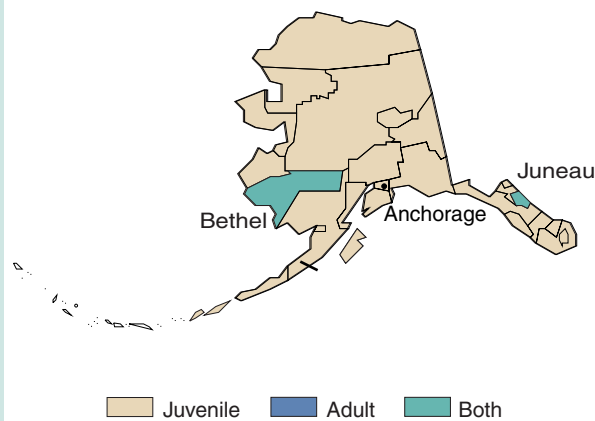
ALASKA

SVORI Grantees in Alaska

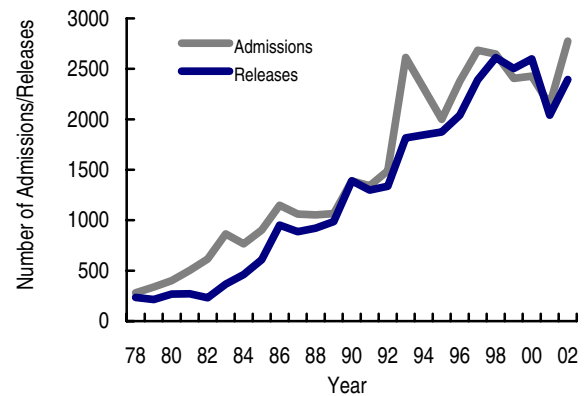
- Alaska Department of Corrections (AK DOC)
- Alaska Department of Health and Social Services (AK DHSS)

Alaska has two SVORI grantees: one focused on adults and one focused on juveniles, each targeting specific areas of the state (depicted in the map below). Serious and violent offenders may have to relocate to urban areas for the majority of the time they are under post-sentence supervision, as these are the areas where specialized treatment and supervision resources exist. Juneau and Bethel, regional hubs for their areas of the state, already provide some services to reentering offenders from these communities. SVORI funding enables Alaska to expand outreach and services to the many smaller rural communities feeding into these hubs. The line chart below provides BJS statistics on adult prison admission and release trends in Alaska over a 24-year period.

Alaska SVORI Target Areas



Alaska Adult Prison Admissions and Releases, 1978–2002



Source: Correctional Populations in the U.S. (BJS, 2002) and Prison and Jail Inmates at Midyear 2002 and 2003 (Harrison and Karberg, 2004)

SVORI Grantee: Alaska Department of Corrections

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| SVORI website | None |
| Data management system | AK DOC's MIS will be used to identify and track participants |
| Local evaluation planned | Yes |
| Program name | Alaska Adult "Going Home" |

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Alaska Adult "Going Home"

TARGET POPULATION

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| Population type | Male adults and youthful offenders |
| Number of targeted prisoners | Fewer than 50 in the first year |
| Inclusion criteria | All serious and violent offenders, including those who have committed sex offenses, burglary, felony attempted burglary, or other crimes against a person; repeat offenders; and very serious first-time offenders |
| Exclusion criteria | None |
| Pre-release facilities | Lemon Creek and Yukon-Kuskokwim (YK) State prisons |
| Post-release locations | The Juneau and Bethel communities and people being released to smaller and isolated villages/communities |
| Participation | Voluntary |
| Legal release status | Participants are under probation/parole |

PROGRAM ORGANIZATION AND SERVICES

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| Steering committee | Two Reentry Steering Committees (one in Southeast Alaska and the other in the YK delta) |
| Post-release reentry authority | AK DOC |
| Number of phases | 3 |

Phase 1: Institutionally Based Plan**Duration:** 4–6 months**Assessments:** LSI-R, Static-99 for sex offenders, chemical dependency assessment, behavioral health assessment, TABE, and the Power Path Program**Components/services offered within phase:**

- Development of an individualized supervision and reentry plan
- Case management, led by an institutional case manager with involvement from institutional staff, community members, and probation officers
- Specific targeted services include, as needed, chemical dependency treatment, mental health treatment, education (GED attainment, functional literacy, English-language competency, computer skills training), employment, parenting classes, batterers’ intervention programs, victim impact classes, spiritual programming, cultural programming, and medical and dental services

Coordination of services:

- Reentry Case Management Team, which in this phase will be mostly institutional staff, led by the institution case manager

Phase 2: Community-Based Transition**Duration:** 2 months**Assessments:** Risk assessment and supervision needs assessment, and continuation of other assessments used in Phase 1 as milestones that require reevaluation are reached**Components/services offered within phase:**

- Refinement of the individualized supervision and reentry plan, with increased focus on the community aspects of the program
- Continued case management with a shift toward focusing on community resources and supervision
- Transition planning for identifying community resources/services/assistance, including housing assistance, family reunification, family counseling, and other services received while institutionalized
- Specific targeted services include, as needed, chemical dependency treatment, mental health treatment, education (GED attainment, functional literacy, English-language competency, computer skills training), employment, parenting classes, batterers’ intervention programs, victim impact classes, spiritual programming, and cultural programming

Coordination of services:

- Reentry Case Management Team, which in this phase will include more community team members led by the community case manager

Phase 3: Community-Based Long-Term Support**Duration:** 13–24 months**Assessments:** Risk assessment and supervision needs assessment, and continuation of other assessments used in Phase 1 as milestones that require reevaluation are reached**Components/services offered within phase:**

- Refinement of the individualized supervision and reentry plan, with increased focus on the progress made
- A victim restitution program
- Community work service
- Specific services to individuals suffering from Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and other organic disorders
- Specific targeted services include, as needed, chemical dependency treatment, mental health treatment, education, employment, parenting classes, batterers’ intervention programs, victim impact classes, spiritual programming, cultural programming, housing assistance, family reunification, family counseling, and sex offender treatment

Coordination of services:

- Reentry Case Management Team, which in this phase will be mostly community team members, led by the community case manager

CHANGES EXPECTED AS A RESULT OF SVORI FUNDING

System-level changes

- Use of a transition team including institution staff and community members that is responsible for integrated case management
- Use of a community case manager
- Assignment of dedicated staff to establish partnerships with community service providers
- Use of assessments of needs/risk to develop the reentry plan
- Inclusion of family members and the victim in the reentry plan process

Individual-level changes

- Continuation of services/resources after reentry in the community
- Greater supervision, including sanctions for noncompliance with program expectations after reentry in the community

SVORI Grantee: Alaska Department of Health and Social Services

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| SVORI website | None |
| Data management system | Other MIS that identifies SVORI participants |
| Local evaluation planned | No |
| Program name | Alaska Youth Reentry Initiative |

TARGET POPULATION

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| Population type | Male and female juveniles |
| Number of targeted prisoners | 101–150 |
| Inclusion criteria | Serious and violent juvenile offenders, offense or criminal history not used as an identifying factor |
| Exclusion criteria | None |
| Pre-release facilities | All State prisons |
| Post-release locations | Anchorage and surrounding communities (Girdwood, Chugiak, Eagle River, Indian) |
| Participation | Mandatory |
| Legal release status | Most participants are under probation |

PROGRAM ORGANIZATION AND SERVICES

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| Steering committee | An informal steering committee at this time; may convert to a formal steering committee in the future |
| Post-release reentry authority | Department of Health and Social Services, Department of Juvenile Justice |
| Number of phases | 3 |

Phase 1: Institution Phase**Duration:** Indefinite**Assessments:** POSIT and MAYSI**Components/services offered within phase:**

- Case management and the development of a transition team to participate in the development, monitoring, and enforcement of the youth's re-entry plan
- Education through the Anchorage School District
- Mentoring through Big Brothers Big Sisters
- Specific targeted services include, as needed, sex offender treatment; community projects; mental health services; anger management; substance abuse treatment; gender-specific treatment for girls; positive peer culture therapy; and intensive, highly structured services for violent offenders

Coordination of services:

- Case manager

Phase 2: Transition Phase**Duration:** 3 months**Assessments:** YSL/CMI**Components/services offered within phase:**

- Development of an individualized aftercare plan
- Supervision/case management by a caseworker and ongoing participation of the transition team
- Victim-offender mediation when the victim is willing to participate
- Continuation of mentoring through Big Brothers Big Sisters
- Job readiness and transitional skills training
- Specific targeted services include, as needed, sex offender treatment; community projects; mental health services; anger management; substance abuse treatment; gender-specific treatment for girls; positive peer culture therapy; and intensive, highly structured services for violent offenders

Coordination of services:

- Caseworker of the Intensive Community Supervision Program

Phase 3: Community Phase**Duration:** Minimum of 4 months**Assessments:** YSL/CMI**Components/services offered within phase:**

- Refinement of the Individualized Aftercare Plan
- Continued case management and supervision by the case worker and transition team
- Housing assistance
- Routine, scheduled contacts to monitor the youth and family
- Crisis intervention for the youth and family, as necessary
- Continued mentoring through Big Brothers Big Sisters
- Brokerage with community resources and linkages to social networks to continue access to services received in Phases 1 and 2, including education; job training and placement services; medical services; life skills training; sex offender treatment; community projects; mental health services; anger management; substance abuse treatment; gender-specific treatment for girls; positive peer culture therapy; and intensive, highly structured services for violent offenders

Coordination of services:

- Caseworker of the Intensive Community Supervision Program

CHANGES EXPECTED AS A RESULT OF SVORI FUNDING**System-level changes**

- SVORI funding is primarily being used to enhance a well-developed reentry program for youthful offenders by increasing the number of therapists on staff